

## CLAIMS

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

- 1       **1.**     A dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve comprising:  
2             a rod having a predetermined length;  
3             a handle perpendicular and attachable to one end of said rod;  
4             a looped hook removal end at the opposite end of the rod from the  
5     handle; and  
6             a bite sleeve surrounding the rod.
  
- 1       **2.**     The dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve of claim 1 wherein:  
2             said rod is steel;  
3             said looped hook removal end is blunt; and  
4             said rod has an angled portion above said looped hook removal end.
  
- 1       **3.**     The dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve of claim 1 wherein:  
2             said bite sleeve surrounding said rod is plastic;  
3             said bite sleeve is sized at least half said length of said rod;  
4             said bite sleeve is cylindrical; and  
5             said bite sleeve is movable on the rod.
  
- 1       **4.**     The dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve of claim 1 wherein:  
2             said handle is welded to said rod.
  
- 1       **5.**     The dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve of claim 1 wherein:  
2             said handle is cylindrical.

1           6.     A method for using a dehooking device with slidable bite sleeve  
2 consisting of a rod having a predetermined length; a handle perpendicular and  
3 attachable to one end of said rod; a looped hook removal end at second end of the  
4 rod opposite the handle; and a bite sleeve surrounding the rod comprising the steps  
5 of:

- 6           a.     holding the bite sleeve close to the handle;
- 7           b.     placing the device on a fishing line leader at a 90 degree angle  
8                 with the looped hook removal end facing upwards;
- 9           c.     pulling the handle towards a user while maintaining leader  
10                tension until the looped hook removal end engages the fishing  
11                line leader;
- 12           d.     turning the handle 1/4 turn clockwise so the leader is in the  
13                center of the looped hook removal end;
- 14           e.     releasing the bite sleeve so it falls to the bottom of the rod;
- 15           f.     inserting the looped hook removal end into a mouth of an animal;
- 16           g.     inserting the bite sleeve into the mouth of an animal;
- 17           h.     sliding the rod further into the animal, following the leader;
- 18           i.     giving a sharp jab downward on the handle when the looped  
19                hook end is resting on an ingested hook;
- 20           j.     pulling the rod out of the animal until it stops at the bite sleeve;  
21                and
- 22           k.     removing the entire device from the animal when the animal  
23                opens its mouth.

1        **7.**    The method claim of claim 6 wherein:  
2            said animal is a fish.

1        **8.**    The method claim of claim 6 wherein:  
2            said animal is a turtle.

1        **9.**    The method claim of claim 6 wherein:  
2            said animal is a shark.